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The Secretary/ Archbishop Iakovos
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- I: Good morning, Mr. Secretary.
- K: Hello Your Eminence.
- I: As I promised I did try and come in contact with many throughout the nation. They all realize the situation but they are firm that the initiative must come from you with an affirmative statement.
- K: But what would be an affirmative statement.
- I: How you envisage the Cyprus situation - your favor and the settlement -- something strong and of that nature.
- K: My problem is the direction in which we are moving but we have these amendments coming up to a vote next week. If they now cut off it will become obligatory which then makes negotiations impossible.
- I: The general feeling is that unless the Secretary of State makes an affirmative statement we cannot continue to press the issue -- they really expect you to take the initiative.
- K: I am taking the initiative. Karamanlis told you this. I don't want to destroy the issue by making a grandstand play. This is my problem.
- I: I am going to Chicago now and will try and get in touch with leaders now and talk further with them but I must reiterate to you how they feel.
- K: I will take what you have said very seriously and hope to see you with the President next week.
- I: Thank you.

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